



The 10th Furneaux Festival was once again graced with memorable moments – from the weather to the food, and the music to the entertainment. Friday night marked the opening of the festival weekend, featuring Tom Ambroz and the Rose Parker Trio, who were joined by David Hyams. The evening offered a diverse culinary experience, complemented by the Flinders Singers pop-up choir, Tom Slater's fire spinning, and Frejya Wild's (ROOKE) mesmerising hula-hooping, captivating the entire audience.

Mikey's chicken wings made a triumphant return, accompanied by Claus's lamb wraps, Liz's oysters and Mexican delights, and the ever-popular sausage sizzle, which raised funds for the local Pony Club. Saturday showcased local artisans with a variety of handcrafted and homegrown goods, featuring the inaugural Furneaux Garden Sculpture Challenge. At the School Holiday Program, Kids delighted in learning circus tricks from SuperSillyUs Circus, culminating in a performance at the Sunday BBQ.

The music at the Tav and Burger night with Neil Murray, received high praise once again. Sunday, the Community BBQ Day, was non-stop excitement. Children flitted from ride to ride, stopping only to get their faces painted by the ever-popular Karen Witt. Music thrilled all with performances by Arron Worker, Neil Murray, Dale Huddleston, and David Hyams and the Rose Parker Trio, along with Rooke and SuperSillyUs Circus and the children's performance. The day also saw the announcement of the Islander Portrait Prize "People's Choice Award." Lindsay Bourke's charming portrait of Pura Graham claimed the top spot, followed by Carita Henriksson's "Kim."

A heartfelt thanks to all involved in planning, organising, setting up, packing up, and contributing to the success of the festival. Special appreciation goes to FIAAI and our dedicated Council staff without whom the festival would not be possible.

The Community Development team has put together a survey to gain feedback from the weekend festivities and for future events. Please follow the link below to submit your feedback and ideas.

During our Council meeting on January 24th, amidst various quarterly reports, we approved the purchase of a 10,000-liter water tank for the Cape Barren Island Community. This tank aims to provide backup water storage for the Island and negate the need to cart water from Flinders Island in the future.

Observing ongoing works across the island, including drainage works, road resurfacing, improved transfer stations, and roadside slashing, we urge caution when driving through these areas and ask that you follow any instructions given. Safety for both residents and our staff and contractors is paramount.

While the past fortnight has been bustling, hopefully, things are about to settle down. Surely?

Rachel Summers
Mayor



Garden Sculpture Challenge: A Resounding Success!

The inaugural Great Furneaux Garden Sculpture Challenge at this year's Furneaux Islands Festival was a triumph! The sculptures were a diverse mix - remarkable, beautiful, inspiring, artistic, whimsical, practical, thought-provoking, fearsome, and fun.

Participants brilliantly navigated the tight timeline, showcasing their skill in using colour, found and recycled objects, metal, wood, and innovative design elements. Our community's raw talent and innate creativity shone brightly in each piece, highlighting the variety and ingenuity of our local artists.

A big congratulations to all sculptors/makers! Your work was adored, and we eagerly await your contributions next year, themed around 'Water'.

Special thanks to generous donors: Belinda Britovseh, Duika BurgessWatson, Diana Droog, Dr Lynne Davies, Scott Anderson, and Diane Dredge. Kudos to auctioneer Steve Mason, sales assistants Laurie Parr and Murilla Measom, and the council team for their support.

💰 An impressive total of \$1212.00 was raised from sculpture sales, and combined with table art sales, we donated \$333.30 each to the Food Network and the Arts Group. A heartfelt thank you to all makers, buyers, and our youngest bidder Owen Boyes for this fantastic result.

Our talented sculptors this year included Ronald Wise, Scott Anderson, Belinda Britovseh, Sandy Downing, Duika BurgessWatson, Michaeler Hill, Dr Lynne Davies, Janet Toonen & John Hughes, Paul Brophy, Dale Wells, Greg Wain, Esther Nunn, Janet Toonen, and Richard Broome. A round of applause for all 13 artists! 🙌





Forest Practices Authority visit to Flinders Island, February 2024

The Forest Practices Authority, Tasmania's independent forestry regulator, will be visiting Flinders Island from Monday 5 to Wednesday 7 February 2024. Flinders Islanders with questions about their forest management are invited to an information session to meet key FPA staff. You can either confirm attendance by calling 6165 4090 or emailing info@fpa.tas.gov.au or just turn up. Requests can also be made for site visits to your property.

Some of the frequently asked questions from landowners around Tasmania include:

- What are the land clearing controls under the forest practices system?
- Can I maintain clearing around fence lines and drains?
- Can I clear for bushfire management?

Information session

Where: Rose Garden Room, 9 Patrick St, Whitemark TAS 7255

When: 9:30–11:00 am, Tuesday 6 February 2024

What: information session followed by morning tea

WHITEMARK TIP – OPENING HOURS

- **Monday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
 - **Tuesday** 7am -10am
 - **Wednesday** 8.30am - 11.30am
 - **Thursday** 7am -10am
 - **Friday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
 - **Saturday** CLOSED
 - **Sunday** 1.30pm - 4.30pm
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**FLINDERS
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ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Flinders Council will be held at the Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark on:

Wednesday 21 February 2024 commencing at 1pm.

Public Question Time will be held between 1:00 – 1:30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Agenda will be available for perusal from Friday 16 February 2024 on the Council Website www.flinders.tas.gov.au and at the Council Office.

**Warren Groves
General Manager**



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CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations from the public are called for the position of **Transport Sector Representative** on the **Furneaux Group Shipping Special Committee of Council**.

The Committee consists of council and community representatives and exists to provide recommendations to Flinders Council on shipping matters, including port and associated infrastructure where it relates to shipping.

Nominations can be sent to:

**Governance
Flinders Council
PO Box 40, Whitemark TAS 7255**

Or via email to governance@flinders.tas.gov.au

The nomination period will remain open until Council receives sufficient nominations.

**Rachel Summers
Chair | Furneaux Group Shipping Special
Committee**